

Tuesday, October 11, 2022; 6:00-7:30 PM
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

In Attendance

Board Members Present: Nate Johnson, Bob Morris, Jerry Paul, Eliza Mason, Kerry Hastings, Henry Storch

Board Members Absent: Graham Trask, Faye Yoshihara (Emeritus)

Associate Directors Present: Marcella Henkels, David Barron, Rana Foster (joined approx. 7:15pm)

Staff Present: Holly Crosson, Michael Ahr, Teresa Matteson, Donna Schmitz, Sara Roberts

Others Present: Deb Merchant (minutes), Amy Kaiser (NRCS), Aubrey Cloud

Call to Order

[Johnson] 6:03 pm

Introductions, Public Comments, Announcements, Additions/Changes to Agenda

Additions to agenda:

- Teresa Mattson: finalized NRCS local working group annual meeting, Nov. 15th, 11am: expect presentations on soil health and Emerald Ash Borer
- Holly Crosson: reopening search for Operations Coordinator; BSWCD Directors on the ballot are encouraged to make sure website bio is accurate/relevant and updated for public consumption. While on work duty, BSWCD staff cannot lobby for or against candidates or ballot measures. Audit draft is ready and will be emailed to Nate, Jerry and Bob to review. Holly thanked staff for smooth operations while she was on leave, and noted Sara's nice job on our new office door sign.
- Sara: Salmon Watch starts next week in Alsea (Clemens Park), volunteers are needed. Training involves shadowing other experienced volunteers: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090945aaa82ca4fa7-20226>
- Credit card limit review will be added to a future meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

- **Approve draft minutes from September 12, 2022 Board Meeting:** Discussion: none
- **Approve Financials for 8/31/22:** Discussion: none

MOTION: Approve Consent Agenda: Nate called for Hands; All Approved (vote 6/6);

REGULAR AGENDA

- Native Bulb and Seed Sale Recap: Michael Ahr
 - Sept. 24 – 25, Corvallis Fall Festival tent sale
 - Grossed \$3,666; expenses \$1,700 (direct only); no online pre-orders
 - 166 transactions; 57 were one bag sales; sold all bulbs and majority of seed packets
 - Great outreach tool; numerous new e-news sign-ups
 - 25 volunteers including several Directors and all staff
 - Related: 2023 Native Plant Sale inventory available to order on website
- Strategic Direction Progress: Quarterly Review
 - Holly: five strategic goals are in the plan; not fully completed were measurable objectives; staff meetings continue to work on refining objectives – still gathering information. The intention is

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to use SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, Time-bound) framework for each objective. Holly wants Board feedback soon to ensure alignment in staff/strategic thinking and direction.

All staff reports are meaningful when referenced in the context of the strategy and goal statements.

Approve Resolution #FY2022-2023-03: add \$96,646 from OWEB grant (# TBD) for Mitchell Oak Woodland Restoration.

- Donna Schmitz slideshow: 146 acres in Kings Valley across from Beazell including pasture, prairie, Douglas fir, wetland; BSWCD funds will restore 18-acres of prairie.

Jerry: how can BSWCD approve the Resolution prior to OWEB's final approval in November? Timing to move forward is important, and OWEB ranked this project as #2 out of four proposals. Holly: BSWCD can't spend money unless the project is actually funded even if the Resolution is approved.

MOTION: Approve Resolution: Bob Morris/Eliza Mason (vote 6/6)

- OACD's Director Eligibility Survey

Discussion: On Nov. 2nd during the annual OACD meeting, the Soil and Water Conservation Commission (SWCC) will consider board service eligibility criteria for SWCD Directors (as described in the Statute - see BSWCD September Board packet). SWCC will review the statewide SWCD survey report and invites all SWCD Directors to attend on Nov. 2nd and provide feedback (virtually or in-person). Holly will email Directors and Associates the SWCC meeting details for connecting remotely. Meeting minutes will be made available to the Directors, including decisions that could impact Director eligibility criteria in the future.

- Annual Meeting 2023

Purpose is to *present the Annual Report* (audited financials); required to issue a public notice (when, where, what). Typically held the 2nd Monday in January.

Questions: in-person? Virtual? Both? Districts must offer electronic attendance. Former meetings have been open to the public and held at various places around Benton County. Need room for public attendance (perhaps 75).

Discussion: Directors support in-person/virtual meeting hybrid. Indoor event must be adequate in size to accommodate the public for the sake of social distancing for Covid. Can we limit in-person attendance through registration, and others can attend virtually? Sara can set up an online registration where the public would select in-person or virtual. Indoor/Outdoor venue is possible at Corvallis Community Center.

Date considerations: combined with Board meeting, or not? Business in January new Directors via Oath of Office. Need to avoid Holidays, and being too close to February board meeting and Native Plant Sale.

Annual Meeting Vote: Hold in-person/virtual hybrid meeting January 23, 2023 as both business and Annual Meeting.

MOTION: Hold Annual Meeting January 23, 2023. Nate called for hands (vote 6/6).

Staff Reports

None

Other Board Business

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Holly asked for Director feedback on reinstating the North American Youth Parliament for Water Student Associate Director position. Discussion and agreement to welcome youth/student perspectives. Holly will update roles and responsibilities of position for Board and NAYPM review. Add item to November meeting agenda and invite presentation from NAYPW.

Meeting Adjourned

[Johnson] 7:39 pm